

Business

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Share prices

At yesterday's close the FTSE-100 Index was up 19.51 at 5111.84

BANKS	INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING	Logica
Barclays 269 1/4 +1 1/4	Charter 672 +3 1/2	115 7/8 -3/4
HSBC 650 1/4 +1 1/8	IMI 530 1/2 -1 1/2	Misy 201 1/4 -3/4
Lloyds Banking Gp 48 1/4 +1	Man Brnze 87 1/4	Sage Group 223
Ryl Scot 31 1/8 -1/4		
Stan Chart 1420 +17		
BEVERAGES	INDUSTRIAL METALS	SUPPORT SERVICES
Diageo 1014 +4	Ferrexpo 200 1/8 +1 1/8	AMEC 751 1/2 -2
SABMiller 1669 -30		Bunzl 625 1/2 -2
		Capita 700 -2
CHEMICALS	INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION	Davis Service Group 393 1/4 -1/4
Croda 786 -4	BBA Aviation 161 1/8 -1 1/4	De La Rue 950 +5
Delta 141 -4	Forth Ports 1062 +11	Electrocomp 180 1/2 -1/2
Elementis 9850 1/2 -2 1/2		Experian 596 1/2 -6 1/2
Johns Mat 1498 -2		G4S 254 1/4 -3/4
CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS	LIFE INSURANCE	Hays 106 -3/4
Balfour B 261 1/8 -3/4	Aviva 344 1/2 -1 1/4	Homeserve 1672 +16
Costain 22 -1/2	Lgl & Gen 70 1/8 -1/8	Menzies J 305 1/2 +5
	Old Mutual 97 1/4	Rentokil 113 1/2 +1/4
ELECTRICITY	Prudential 560 -1/2	Smiths News 117 1/2
Drax Grp 404 1/4 -3 1/2	Resolution 75 -2	Wolseley 1335 -17
Intl Power 320 1/4 -1/8	Standard Life 191 1/2 -1 1/2	
Scottish & Strm Energy 1143 -22		
ELECTRONICS	MEDIA	TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE & EQUIPMENT
Chloride 175 1/4 -2 1/8	BSkyB 526 1/2 +2	ARM Hldgs 199 1/4 -2 1/4
Invensys 304 1/8 +6 1/4	Chrysalis 104 +3 1/4	IBM 178 1/8 +1 1/4
Laird 124 1/8 +1 1/8	D Mail Tst 442 1/8 -3 1/8	Pision 94 1/4 -1/2
EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS	ITV 50 1/8 -1 1/4	Spirant Comms 109 1/8 -1/2
Alliance Trust 307 1/8 +1 1/8	Johnston Press 23 1/4 -1 1/2	
FIXED LINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	Pearson 860 -3 1/2	
BT Grp 130 1/8 -1/8	Reed Elsevier 485 1/4 -3/4	
C & W 138 1/8 -3/4	STV Group 47 1/4 -1/4	
Colt Tele 122 -3/4	Trinity Mirror 135 1/2 -2 1/2	
KCOM 51 1/4 -1	Utd Busns 409 1/4 -3 1/4	
FOOD RETAILERS	UTV 100	
Morrison W293 1/4	WPP 576 1/2 +4	
Sainsbury 318 1/8 -2	Yell Group 41 -1/2	
Tesco 417 +2 1/4		
FOOD PRODUCERS	MINING	TOBACCO
AB Food 877 +1/2	Anglo Am 123 1/8 +1/8	Br Am Tob 120 1/4 -1/4
Cadbury 843 +4 1/2	Antofagasta 865 +34	Imperial Tobacco 120 1/8 -1/4
Nth Foods 57 1/4 -1/8	BHP Billiton 1885 1/2 +28 1/2	
Tate Lyle 398 1/4 -6 1/4	Eurasian Natural Res 929 1/2 +22 1/2	
Unilever 1841 -3	Fresnillo 729 +24	
Uniq 24 1/2 -3/4	Kazakhmys 1275 +35	
GAS, WATER & MULTI-UTILITIES	Lonmin 1807 +24	
Centrica 264 1/2 -2	Rio Tinto 131 1/4 +1 1/8	
National Grid 622 -7	VEDANTA RESOURCES 123 1/8 +1/2	
Pennon Grp 511 1/2 -2	Xstrata 1028 1/2 +44 1/4	
Severn 1121 -6		
United Utilis 528 1/2 -1		
GENERAL FINANCIAL	MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	NONLIFE INSURANCE
3i Group 253 -3 1/4	Immarsat 712 -6 1/2	Admiral Grp 1138 +13
ICAP 304 1/4 +1 1/8	Vodafone 138 1/4 -1	Jardine Lloyd Thomson 460 1/8 +1/8
London Stock Exch 639 1/2 -1/2		RSA Insurance Gp 125 1/8 -1
Man Group 219 1/4 +4 1/8		
Provident Financial 928 1/2 -1 1/2		
Schroders 1120 -10		
Schroders NV 930 1/2 -8 1/2		
GENERAL INDUSTRIALS	OIL & GAS PRODUCERS	OIL EQUIPMENT & SERVICES
Avon Rbbr 91 -4	BP 1112 +17 1/2	Petrofac 980 +23 1/2
Kobco 431 +7 1/8	BG 563 1/8 +1 1/8	Wood Group 336 1/4 +1 1/8
REXAM 286 1/4 -1/8	Cairn Energy 327 +8 1/4	
Tomkins 181 1/8 +1 1/8	Norsk Hdro 451 1/4 +13 1/4	
GENERAL RETAILERS	Royal Dutch Shell A1748 1/2 +5 1/2	
Ashley L 12 1/4	Royal Dutch Shell B1677 -3	
Carphone Warehouse 180 1/4 -6	Total 135 1/8 -1/8	
DSG International 28 1/8 -1 1/8	Tullow Oil 1158	
Home Retail 255 1/4 -3/4		
Inchcape 25		
Kingfisher 204 1/8 +5 1/8		
M & S 334 1/8 +4		
Mothercare 644 1/2 +2 1/2		
Next 1900 +18		
WH Smith 483 1/8 -4 1/8		
HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT & SERVICES	PERSONAL GOODS	PHARMACEUTICALS & BIOTECHNOLOGY
Smith Nph 635 1/2 +3	Burberry 604 +13 1/2	Astrazeneca 228 1/8 +1 1/8
HOUSEHOLD GOODS	REAL ESTATE	Axis-Shield 400 -8
Aga Rangemaster 134 -3	Brit Land 446 1/4 +8 1/4	GlaxoSmithKline 1218 1/2 -1/2
Barrat Dev 113 1/4 +1	DTZ Hldgs 81 -3	Shire 1247 +11
Persimmon 410 1/4 +1	Hamsrn 384 1/4 +3 1/4	
Reckitt B 131 1/8 -1/4	Land Secs 634 1/2 +12 1/2	
Taylor Wimpey 37 -1/8	Liberty Intl 447 1/4 +1	
	SEGRO 302 1/4 +1 1/8	
SOFTWARE & COMPUTER SERVICES	SOFTWARE & COMPUTER SERVICES	
Autonomy 1610 +5	Autonomy 1610 +5	
Computactr 290 +1	Computactr 290 +1	
Dimension 82 +2	Dimension 82 +2	

Software firm serves up fresh solution for bakeries

NEW software for bakeries devised by a York firm has been implemented for the first time.

Cheshire-based bakery Arthur Chatwin will be the first in Britain to implement the software interface created by RedBlack Software, of King Street, York, which enables bakers to keep a better control over their costs and margins.

Redblack Software was the 2006 Science & Technology Business Of The Year in The Press Business

Awards. Its Cybake management software solution is already used by more than 60 bakers and food manufacturers across the UK and Ireland to enhance, automate and control their business processes.

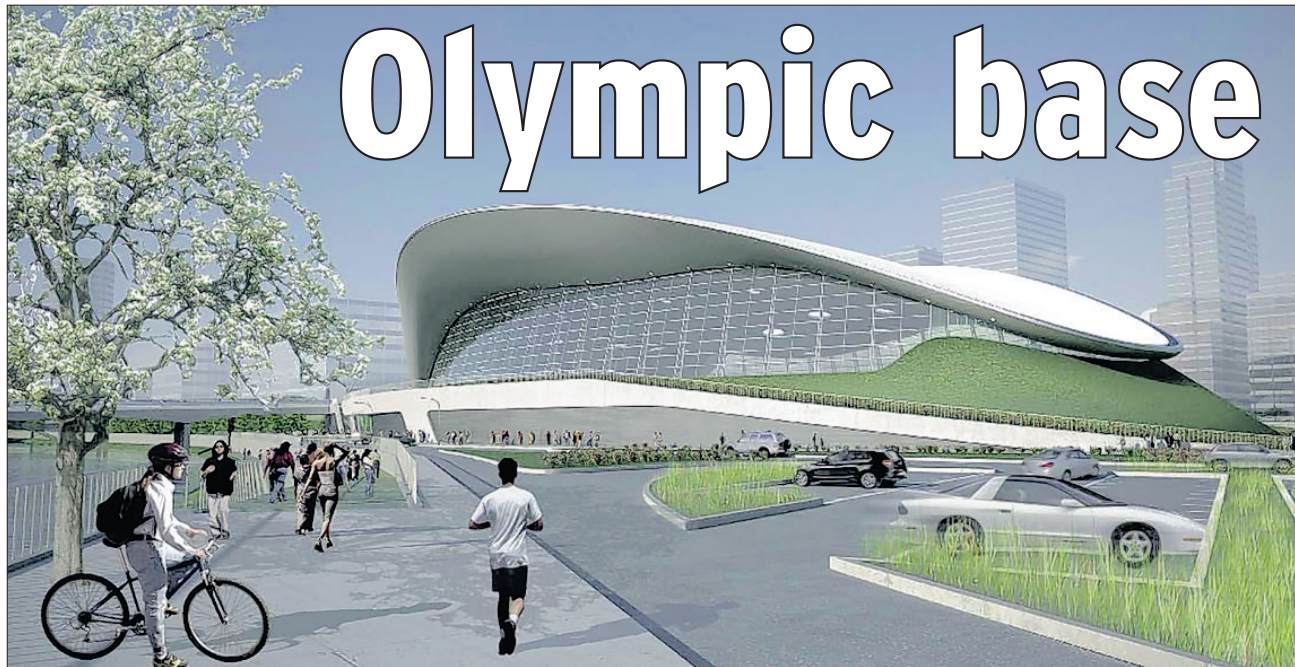
The software combines with the Vantage weighing station to provide recipe weighing, traceability and stock management solutions.

Jane Tyler, pictured, managing director of RedBlack Software, said



the Vantage weighing station to say how much needs to be weighed out and Vantage sends CyBake information back about exactly how much has been used.

She said: "CyBake takes that precise information, tallies it up against the cost information within our system and this gives the baker the exact production cost for a mix or a batch."



Olympic base

by **RON GODFREY**

Business editor

A YORK company is on the verge of a massive expansion having won an Olympic contract.

Aggregates firm Lytag Ltd was today due to be visited at its headquarters in Bramley's Barn, The Managerie, Escrick by John Armitt, chairman of the Olympic Delivery Authority.

Mr Armitt, pictured, was going to see for himself the processes that are used by Lytag Ltd to bring nearly 2,000 tonnes of lightweight aggregate, which will form the base of the iconic Aquatics Centre in London.

Lytag Ltd is one of more than 90 companies in Yorkshire which have already

secured contracts to deliver goods, services and skills to the 2012 London Games.

Mr Armitt's message: You too could be a Lytag. With about £1 billion of contracts still to be won before the event gets under way, there is still every chance for the region's businesses to profit.

Lytag's task is to deliver to main contractor Balfour

Beatty its lightweight fly ash aggregate pellets, which it imports from Poland.

Now Andrew Doel, the firm's managing director, is looking at starting UK-based production units linked to power stations such as Drax Power Station, near Selby, though no specific site has been targeted.

A Lytag spokeswoman said: "All we can say is that we are looking to build a

Aggregates firm cements aquatic deal

plant somewhere in the UK."

At its height in the 1960s and 1970s, Lytag's aggregate was produced from four UK units using fly ash waste from coal-fired power stations.

But the UK units closed in 2005 and UK supplies continued with imports from the firm's partner company in Poland.

Mr Doel is excited about the Olympic contract. He said: "Being involved in such an impressive and prominent project is exciting for Lytag Ltd, and supplying our product for the Games is bringing

us some significant business benefits.

"The use of Lytag lightweight aggregate for this prestigious project has a positive impact on our bottom line, and once the games are complete the project will serve as a visible and high-profile demonstration of the capabilities we can offer."

Lytag Ltd secured its contracts thanks to CompeteFor, the online "business dating" website designed on behalf of England's Regional Development Agencies to give small and medium-sized businesses the chance to go for Olympic contract opportunities.

So far, more than 100,000 businesses across the UK have registered on CompeteFor to take advantage of the 5,000 contract opportunities on offer.



The pound

Australia.....dollars	1.70	Japan.....yen	133.34
Bangladesh.....taka	102.14	Mexico.....pesos	18.35
Brazil.....reals	2.61	New Zealand.....dollars	2.11
Canada.....dollars	1.59	Norway.....krone	8.85
China.....yuan	9.54	Pakistan.....rupees	124.96
Czech Republickorunas	27.36	Philippines.....pesos	62.10
Denmark.....krone	8.07	South Africa.....rand	11.20
Euro.....euro	1.09	South Korea.....won	1584.00
Hong Kong.....dollars	11.53	Sri Lanka.....rupees	169.29
Hungary.....forints	278.11	Sweden.....krona	11.02
India.....rupees	64.23	Switzerland.....francs	1.59
		Taiwan.....dollars	43.83
		Turkey.....new lira	2.24
		USA.....dollars	1.49

Employment advice firm offers integrated approach

A NEWLY-FORMED York-based firm says it is set to turn on its head the way smaller employers receive subscription-based employment advice.

Cedar GB Ltd, formed from existing York businesses The People Alliance and AHSC Health and Safety Consultants, as well as Knaresborough-based Ripley Training, will be offering personal, tailored advice and services to employers across all sectors.

Mike Smith, a director of Cedar,

said: "Employers want support which is specific to them and their sector."

"It also became apparent managers and owners preferred a single point of contact rather than phoning a call centre."

"We take an integrated approach as all our support is from one source."

"So there is no need to shop around or pay for unnecessary elements of a set package. Our efforts will be tailored to the client venture."

"We are a subscription-based business support package, but we will also be able to provide support for one-off projects, covering employment law and personnel issues, fire, health and safety problems and business training."

Working alongside Mr Smith at Cedar will be Alistair Hume, from AHSC, and David Cawthorne, the employment law and personnel specialist from The People Alliance.